

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. FSIS-2022-0010]

**Elimination of Deadline for Partial Refunds of Overtime and  
Holiday Inspection Fees for Small and Very Small Establishments**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On July 15, 2021, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced in the **Federal Register** that, while funding is available, it will reduce overtime and holiday inspection fees for small and very small establishments. In the notice, FSIS stated that small and very small establishments need to submit an Overtime/Holiday Rate Reduction form to request an overtime or holiday inspection fee reduction. FSIS also explained that establishments that submit their forms by March 11, 2022, and that qualify for a fee reduction, would receive a partial refund for overtime and holiday inspection fees paid since October 11, 2020, i.e., the first day of the pay period after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021. FSIS is eliminating the March 11, 2022, deadline for partial refunds. Therefore, all establishments that qualify and submit their forms will be eligible to receive the partial refund for overtime and holiday fees paid since October 11, 2020, while funding is available.

**ADDRESSES:** Small and very small establishments should submit their completed forms to the FSIS inspection personnel assigned to their establishment or, alternatively, email the completed form to the appropriate FSIS District Office, "Attention Grant Curator." Contact information for the FSIS District Offices, including email addresses, is available at:

<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/contactus/fsis-offices/office-field-operations-ofo>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel Edelstein, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development by telephone at (202) 205-0495.

For billing issues and to request refunds contact the Financial Service Center Customer Contact Center: (515) 334-2000 option 1 or email at [fsis.billing@usda.gov](mailto:fsis.billing@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2, 135 Stat. 242), Congress provided FSIS with \$100 million in budget authority to reduce the costs of overtime inspection for federally-inspected small and very small meat, poultry, and egg products establishments. Congress provided a period of availability up until fiscal year 2030, which ends September 30, 2030. On July 15, 2021, FSIS announced in the **Federal Register** that it implemented this provision by reducing overtime and holiday inspection fees for small establishments by 30 percent and very small establishments by 75 percent (86 FR 37276). FSIS also announced that it developed an Overtime/Holiday Rate

Reduction form that official establishments must submit to request an overtime or holiday inspection fee reduction (86 FR 37276). The form is available on FSIS' website at: [https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/FSIS-5200-16-OvertimeHolidayRateReductionForm\\_v6-4re508.pdf](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2021-07/FSIS-5200-16-OvertimeHolidayRateReductionForm_v6-4re508.pdf).

While in the July 15 **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 37276), FSIS stated that establishments must submit their forms by March 11, 2022, to receive a partial refund back to October 11, 2020, the Agency has decided to eliminate the deadline for establishments to submit their forms to qualify for a partial refund for overtime and holiday inspection fees paid since October 11, 2020. Therefore, all establishments that qualify and submit their forms will be eligible to receive the partial refund for overtime and holiday fees paid since October 11, 2020, while funding is available.

Small and very small establishments should submit their completed forms to the FSIS inspection personnel assigned to their establishment or, alternatively, email the completed form to the appropriate FSIS District Office, "Attention Grant Curator."

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